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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8 PER

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Secretary. Hongkong, January 29 1693.

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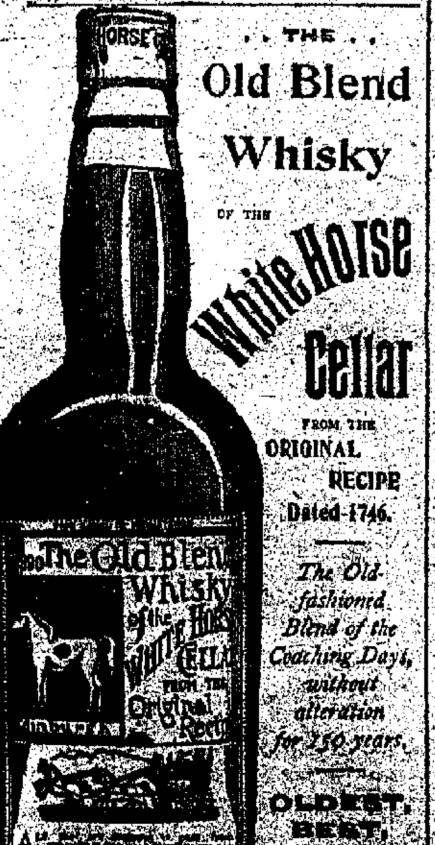
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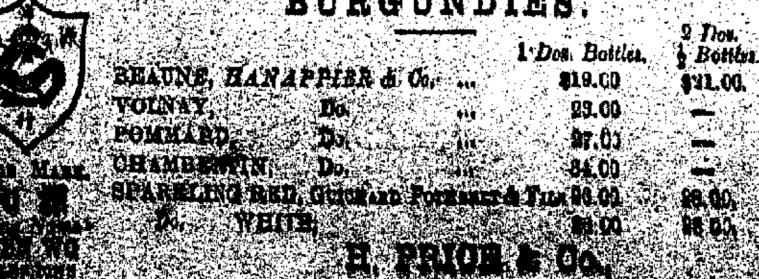
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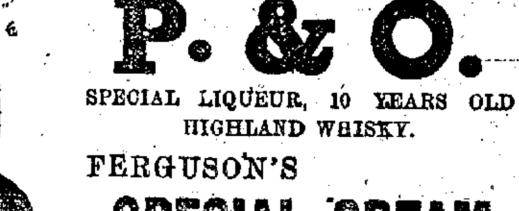
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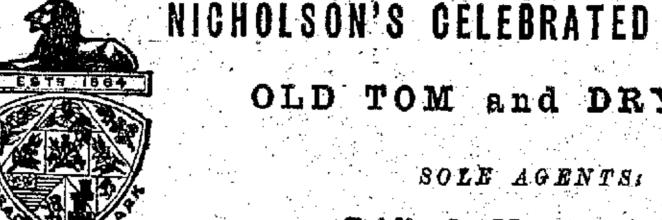
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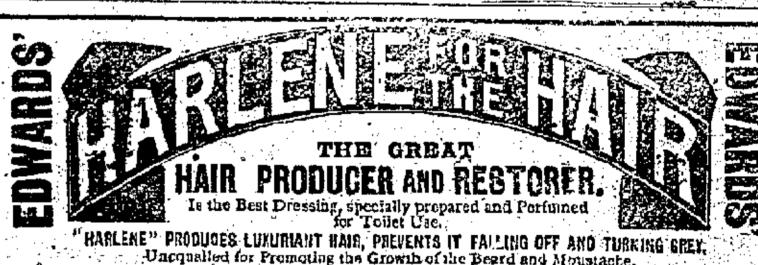
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THE SECOND CONCERT of the NOTICE ishereby given that the ORDIN.

SEASON will be given in the NARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING

5 h, at 9.15 p.m.—FULIARTON HEN- Arron will be held at the Ciry Hall, Hong-DERSON, Esq., in the Chair. kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th day of MEMBERS who have not yet received their February Next, at Noon, for the purpose of Tickers are requested to forward \$2 to receiving the Report of the Court of H. C. NICOLLE, Esq., Hou. Treasurer, Directors, together with a Statement of when they will receive them. MEMBERS are reminded that Tioxers,

Musr be shown at the Door-and this Rule will be rigidly enforced on this occasion, J. A. LOWSON.

Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, January 27, 1898.

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPIN-NING, WEAVING AND DYEING ----OOMPANY, LIMITED,

OTICE is hereby given that the FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be Held at the Cryspes of the General Menegers, No. 4, PEDDER STREET, on MUNDAY, the 7th day of February, 1898, at Four o'clock in the AFTERNOON.

This MEETING is Called in Order to O mply with the Hongkong Ordinances and only Formal Business will be Transacted thereat.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, January 21, 1898.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO PANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

I MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be Held at the OFFICEs of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 28th day of February, 1698, at 12.30 of the Olock in the AFTER-NOON, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the Sist December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a

Consulting Committee and Auditors.

Hongkong, January 81, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the EVERY RESPECT. 28th February, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hononous Fire Insusance Co., Ltd.

> HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEET. ING of SHAREHOLDERS WILL be Held in the Orests of the Company No. 14. Proys Central, on MCRDAY

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SMOKING CONCERT THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THEATRE ROYAL on SATURDAY, February of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORTORkong, on SATURDAY, the 12th day of Account to 31st December, 1897, By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON. Ohief Manager. Hongkong, January 26, 1893.

196 THE HONGKONG AND SHANGBAI BANKING CORPORATION. ATOTICE is hereby given that the N REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION WILL be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, to the

12th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of SHARPS can be Registered. By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON,

Hongkong, January 26, 1898. HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Seventcenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS 180 will be held at the OFFICE of the Comnany, Pedder's S.reet, at Noon, on SATURDAY, the 5th Fabruary, to receive a S afement of the Company's Ac ounts to the 31st Dec. 1897, and the Report of the General

Managers. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th Inst. THE Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Annual to the 5th Proximo, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

General Managers. Hongkong, January 19, 1898. MELDRUM FURNACES.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents for Hongkong & Ching. Honghoug, January 28, 1898 NOTICE

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Full Company, see Posters. Change of Programme Nightly. LEO HERNANDEZ, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, February 3, 1898.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY,

the 4th February, 1898, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sale's Rooms, Duddell Street,-A CONSIGNMENT OF CHINESE PORCELAINS.

Catalogues will be issued. TERMS :- As Customary. GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer. Hongkong, February 2, 1898.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, at his Sales Rooms, Zetland Street, No. 2, on Cylinders L.P. 80, H.P. 17, Stroke 24, 2 Steel Boilers, 9' × 7' 8" each pressure FRIDAY,

the 4th February, 1898, - Commencing at 2.30 p.m.,—

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE (Removed for Convenience), Comprising :-

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Hongkong, February 1, 1898.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 5th February, 1898, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 65. WYNDHAM STREET,-→ A QUANTITY OF ·

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, January 81, 1898.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. ITHERE will be a SPOON COMPETI-TION on SATURDAY, the 5th Instant, commencing at 2.30 p.m. RANGES : 500 and 600 Yards. Entrance, 30 Canta.

Subscriptions are now Due and should be paid to the Undersigned. A. OHAPMAN, Bon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1898. HOUSE OF LORDS WHISKY

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l'o-day's Advertisements.

L. O. L., No. 721. REGULAR MEETING of the above A will be held at the Kowloon Institute, on SATURDAY Next, the 5th Instant, at

Hongkong, February 3, 1898.

VISITING BRETHREN CORDIALLY INVITED.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR AMOY & TAMSUI. The Co.'s Steamship Haimu . Captain Barnuss, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 5th Inst.

at Daylight, For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers,

Hoogkong, February 3, 1898. FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship Captain J. OSTERMANN. the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 5th

Instant, at 5 p.m. For Freight, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co. Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1898. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI. The Co.'s steamship Hailooko. Captain Rosson, will be despatched for the above

Ports on SUNDAY, 6th Instant, at day. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 3,-1898. INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Co.'s Steamship

Capt. P. R. GAISWORTHY, 225 above on WEDNESDAY, the 9th Instant, st Noon..

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Manacers.

Hougkong, February 3, 1898. 'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM LONDON, ANTWERP AND SINGAPORE.

THES.S. Carmarthenshire, Captain Sin-Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby in- Rates and particulars of the various routes. Light variable winds, with rain and high Rates and particulars of the various routes. Light variable winds, with rain and high Rates and particulars of the various routes. formed that their Goods are being lauded at their risk into the Godowns of the Hoxakong and Kowloon Wharr and Gopown COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon and stored

at Consignees' risk and expanse. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th Inst. will be subject to rent. All Broken, Chafed, and damaged Goods, Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will

will be examined on the 9th Instant, at allowance does not apply to through fares No Fire Insurance has been effected, Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Hongkong, February 3, 1898. Not Responsible for Debts.

A Teither the Captain, the Agents, nor Diemers will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Oraco of the following Pencie, during their stay in Honghong Marbour !-STANDARD, American ships Copt. Got.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination. Vessels. Date of Leaving. Agents. Amoy and Tamani...... Haimun (s) Douglas Lapraik & Co. Feb. 5, at daylight Australian Ports Australian (a) Gibb, Livingston & Co. Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. Bremen & Ports of Cali Sachson (s)........................... Norddeutscher Lloyd. Mer. 1, at 9 a.m. Kobe and Yokohama... Idzumi Maru (8)........ Nippon Yusen Kuisha. Keb. 17, at 4 p.m. Loudon, v. Suez Cana Hector (8)...... Butterfield & Swire. Feb. 5, at noon, Nagataki, Kobé & Y'ma Rosetta (a)........... P. & O. S. N. Oo..... Feb 6, daylight. Nag. sekt, Kobe & Y'ma Tokio Maru (s)....... Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. New York, v Suez Canai Lyderhorn (s)....... Shawan, Tomes & Co. About Feb. 15. New York, v. Sucz Canar Guazoo (s) Dodwell, Carlill & Co. About Feb. 28. Portland, Oregon, &c. Braemar (s) Dodwell, Carlill & Co. Mer. 8, at noon Samarang & Sourabaya Hupeh (8) Butterfield & Swire ... Feb. 5, at noon. S. Francisco. v. Japa China (8) Pacific Mail S. S. Co. Feb. 12, at noon. Seattle, Washington .. Kagoshima Maru (s) . Nippen Yusen Kaisha. Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. S'pore, H're & H'burg Senta (s) Siemssen & Co...... Feb. 5, at 5 p.m. S'pore, Penang & C'tt Suisang (s)...... Jardine, Matheson&C. Feb. 9, at noon. Straits, Coylon, & Dermstadt (s) Melchers & Co....... About Feb. 15. 59 S'tow, Amoy & F'chow Thales (8)...... Douglas Lapraik & Co F b. 4, daylight. S'tow, Amny & T'loo. Nanyang (s).......... Douglas Lapraik & Co. Feb. 4. daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sur Hailoong (s)....... Douglas Lapraik & Co. Feb. 6. daylight. Sydney & Melbourne, Omi Maru (s)......... Nippon Yusen Kaisha Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. Tacoma (Wash.), &c... Victoria (a)...... Dodwell, Carlill & Co | Feb 22, at noon Vancouver (B.O.), & Empress of India (see Canadian Pinc R. Co. Feb. 16, at noon, Yokohama.......Carmarthenshire (s)...Shewan, Tomes & Co. About Feb. 4. Yokohama and Kobs. Erato (s) Siemssen & Co...... Feb. 5, at 5 p.m.

Lo-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED,

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Suisang having arrived from the above Ports, Conignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from & SWIRE.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remainng on board after 4 p.m. of the 5th Instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point,

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 3, 1898. FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Brato, Captain J. OSTER-MANN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby | Swine. requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and o take immediate delivery of their Goods

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hong. KONG & KOWLOON WHARE & GODOWN CO., LD., No Claims will be admitted after the Woo.

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th lustant will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods | Dovice For Amoy and San Francisco. are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th Instant, at 3

No Fire Insurance has been effected. SIEMSŞEN & Co., Anents.

Hongkony, February 3, 1898.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGRONG. Be'gic (via Shanghal,) Nagasaki, Kobe, Trasbay, Feb. 22 hama and H'iulu)

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31, at noon. 11HE Steamship BELGIO will - be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO. vid SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE. INLANDSEA, YOKOHAMA and HONO. LULU, on TUESDAY, 22nd February,

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 2. Ingraban, German str., 894, Ed. Piper, Saigon Jan. 29, Rice .- WIELER & Co. Suisang, British steamer, 1,776, T. R. Galaworthy, Calcutta Jan. 15, Penang 21, and Singapore 25, General. - JARDINE, MATHEBON & Co. Chihli, British steamer, 1,048, F. New-

comb. Moji Jan. 27, Coa .- BUTTERWIELD February 3. Carmarthenshire, British etr., 1,878, Ed Sincock: London and Singagore Jan. 26, General - SHEWAN, Tomes & Co. Tai Lee, German str., 828, J. Calender, Saigon January 29, Rice,-Meyer & Co.

Saigon Jan. 28. Rice. - JEBSEN & Co. Jacob Diederichsen, German atr., 623, H. Schlaikier, Haiphong Jan. 31, Rice,-247 JERSEN & Co. Kachidate Maru. Japanese str., 2,143, J. Narazaki, Kutchinotzu Jan. 29; 3,500 tons Coal, and 4,000 bags Ooke, -MITSUI BUSSAN

Hupeh, British eteamer, 1894, Quail Java Jan. 25, Sugar. BUTTERFIELD & Erato. German str., 2,100, J. Ostermann. Hambu g and Singapore Jan. 26, General, Siemsien & Co. Fuki Maru. Japanese steamer, 1,815 Hirayama Tukichi, Japan (Moji) Jan. 27 Cosl.-MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA. Quarta, German steamer, 1,146, H.

Johannsen, Bangkok Jan. 26. Rice. -Wieler & Co Kiangpak, Chineso str., 779, S. Berntsen. and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. | Swatow Feb. 2, General.-Kwano Man

> DEPARTURES. February 3. Crefeld, for Kiaochau. Decima, for Saigon. Beny nuc, for Saigon. Sabine Rickmers, for Swatow. Dante: for Saigon. Fred. P. Lichfield, for Ca leo. Chousang, for Canton. Inuba Maru, for Singapore and London. Catherine Apcar, for Sing spore and Calcutta. Patroches, for Shanghai.

CLEARED. Gerard C. Toby, for New York. Sullberg, for Saigon, Namyong for Swatow. Sachem, for Singapore. Figir, for Hollow. Ticotsin, for Saigon. Wong koi, for Bangkok. Donar, for Saigon. Kerlung Maru, for Kobe.

PASSENGERS. Per Suisang, from Calcutta, &c., Japanese, 1 Malay, 2 Indians, and 120 Ohi-

Per Jacob Diedericheen, from Haiphong, 2 Europeans and 46 Chinese. DEPARTED. Per Dorie, for Shonghai, Messrs H. A. de Figueredo, F. A. Brockelman, and I

Chinese; for Kobe, Mr F. W. Gotch ; for Yokohama, Mr and Mrs Windeler, and Mr Woo Yuen; for Francisco, Mr Geo. B. Swayne ; for London, Mr Cameron. Per Catherine Appear, for Singapore, Surg. J. James, Mrs Hill and 3 children, and Mrs Shew Soy; for Calcutta, Messre Webster, J. Gregory, S. C. Longhurst, Rev. L. B. Worcester, Rev. and M & D. W. Gook, Mesers Tse Wing Yan and Leung Fook Hai.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British steamer Suisang reports : Singapore to Paracel Island, strong N.E. monsoon, increasing to moderate vale, very high sea, fine and clear generally. Paracels to Hongkong, moderate monsoon and moderate sea, fine and clear; 50 miles from Gap Rock, misty, with rain, The British steamer Carmarthenshire reports: Strong head winds, high head sea, rain and foggy weather.

The British steamer Kachidate Maru reports: Throughout the voyage from Kutchinotzu to Hougkong, had N'ly, light wind, with smooth sea, The Chinese steamer Kiangpak reports: Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the prin- Light variable winds, with rain and high

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close:-For MANILA.

Per Kemeralds, at 11.80 a.m., on Friday, the 4th Fabruary. For YOKOHAMA. --Per Amoy, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 4th February, For SHANGHAL -Per Glonavon, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday,

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the 4th February,

Shipping. Daylight. -Nanyang leaves for Swatow. Daylight .- Thales leaves for Swatow, &c. Noon .- Remeralda leaves for Manila. 5 p.m. -- Ceylon leaves for London. Auctions.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Farniture, &c., at Mr. Paul Brewitt's. 2.30 p.m.—Auction of a Consignment of Chinese Porcelaios, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's.

General' Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 5 :--Noon. - Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, at the Company's Office, Pedger's Street. 2.30 p m .- Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 65, Wyndham Street. of the Hongkong Rifle Association. Goods per Hydaspes not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent. Goods per Suisang undelivered after 4 p.m. this date landed. 7 p.m.-Mesting of L. O. L. at the Kow-

loon Institute. Monday, February 7 :-4 p.m.—The First Ordinary Meeting of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dreing Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 4, Pedder Street. Transfer Books of The Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 21st February, both days Wednesday, February 9:-

date subject to rent. Goods per Erato undelivered after this da's subject to rent. THUESDAY, February 10 :-Goods-per Carmarthewshire undelivered

after this date subject to rent. SATURDAY, February 12:-Noon. - Meeting of Shareholders of The may be that contact with Chinese process-Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at Olty Hall, Monday, February 14 :-

Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 28th February, both days inclusive. Goods per Natal unclaimed after this date subject to rent.

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BIRTH. On the 26th Jan., at No. 23, Concession, Osaka, the wife of Rev. HORACE C. WARREN (C. M. S. Hamada), of a Son.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.10 p.m.

The China Ithil.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1898,

Reperence was made in last night's issue to the necessity for the registration of domestic servants and private chair and rickshe coolies in Hongkong. This is a matter is to be effective at all it ought to which has frequently been referred to by us, and some time ago we went the length 2.30 p.m.—Spoon Competition Practice of urging upon the Unofficial Members the adoption of such a scheme of registration the Colony would soon be made too hot for these transgressors, and the Colonists could proceed about their business. or obtain their needed rest with every sense of security.

the desirability of introducing a measure on their own responsibility and of asking the Government to give them support in order to pass an Ordinance enforcing the registration of the servants. Hon. F. H. May, Captain Superintendent of Police has reported strongly in favour of registration, and, to treat the matter historically, some such system of registration was once in force in the Colony, but it fell into disustude partly because of the laxity of Goods per Glenavon undelivered after this the Europeans themselves, and partly because of the absurd provisions of the law itself. It is rather difficult to fashom the cause of this apathy which acts as a corresive upon nearly every scheme of reform or organization in the Colony. It tination and conservatism tends to damp the ardour of the Colonist; our prolonged Transfer Books of The Hongkong Fire summer may have a depressing influence; or it may be that the over-changing population is too much engressed with the cares and worries of business life to attend to matters that seem at the moment of no very great importance. Whatever the cause, it is a fact that all through these years the Celestial has been steadily getting the better of us in everything. Like the Registration Ordinance for servants, the Ordinance restricting the Chinese to certain portions of the city has fallen into disregard, and the Colonists make no attempt to stem the onrush. The necessity for some measure for the registration of servants is repeatedly forced upon public notice by the all too. numerous larcenies and robberies that take place in European houses. Many of these larcenies are deemed too petty by employers to be reported to the Police, and are simply regarded as the servants' perquisites. The ingrained thieving propensities of servants are by this means encouraged, and in course of time developes into a craying for articles of greater value. A prominent instance was the theft of a gold watch from the officer of a regiment formerly in Hongkong. A houseboy was suspected of the theft, but there was no evidence to substantiate a The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. Japan left Singaconviction. The same boy was maintained in the mess of the succeeding regiment, and there was a repetition of the theft. Cases are not infrequent of conviction for theft, and even of crimes of a more flagrant character by domestics, and there is nothing to prevent these men-some of them convicted of horrible crimes-finding employment in European families where they may again repeat the crimes for which they have been convicted. By a system of registration the career of these servants would be duly recorded on their certificates, and a householder would see at a glance the past history of the applicant for a place in his service. It is not to be supposed that registration in itself will make the Chinese honest, but it will go a long way to prevent dishonest servants obtaining employment in responsible positions, and also afford the Police great assistance in the detection of crims. At present, even with an efficient Police Force, there can be no sense of security to residents, however much reliance can be placed in the servante in their own employ. An ex-criminal may be employed as a servant by a neighbour, and this men has abundant opportunities of making arrangements

for carrying out a well-planned rob-

bery in the night time, and making his

escape into Chinese territory, where dis-

posal of the booty is an easy matter. Re-

turning to the Colony this man easily.

obtains employment in another part of the

greater hardship would be endured by the

The rigorous laws by means of which Ire

convenience that would be avoided to employers would amply repay them for the slight effort necessary in order to give effect to the law. If it were necessary, the law should enforce registration not merely by the servanta but by the employers. This registration could be done at the Registrar-General's Office, without waste of public time, and very little increase of expenditure would be involved to the Treasury. A start might be made with private chair and ricksha coolies, who as a class are becoming more and more insolent every day, but if the scheme embrace every class of domestic servant. The endorsement of registration certificates would, of course, be made by the Registrar-General, after proper inquiry. By

the scheme to employers, for then the in-

LOCAL AND GENERAL

TEAMERS PASSED SURZ CANAL. (SUPPLIED TEROUGH REUTER.) OUTWARD BOUND :- Erato, Dec. 31; Langbank, Jan. 4; Herthu, Gladestry, Obi. 7; Min 11; Oopack, 14; Benulder, Bentomond, Devonshire, Lennox, Socotra, 18; Glenshiel, Pathan, Ceres, 21 ; Oceanien, Venus, 25 ; Gisela, Ixion, Dardanus, Melboume, Anapa, Trieste, 28; Ounfa, Oceana, Energia, Fernfield, 31; Alles Oraig, Feb. 1. HOMEWARD BOUND :- Fallodon Hall, Dec. 31; Formosu, Thekia, Jan. 11; Ulysess,

28; Salazie, 31. The P. M. s. S. China will sail from a.m., and will arrive at Hongkong on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 6 a.m. The Imp. Ger. Mail s. s. Sachsen, carrying. the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 19th Jan., left Colembo on Saturday morning, the 29th Jan., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 10th Feb.

the O. & O. s. s. Belgic, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on Sunday, the 16th Jan. P. & O. Co.'s s. s. Ooromandel, with the English Mail of 7th Jan., left Singapore on the 30th Jan., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 5th Feb. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hougkong on December 2nd.

31st January last, for Hongkong and usual ports of call. Steamers Expected The s. s. Airlie, left Port Darwin for this port on the 27th Jan. The N. P. Co. s a. s. Olympia sailed from Portland, for Japan and Hongkong, on tho 25th Jan.

pore for this port on the 30th Jan., at The C. M. Co.'s str. Oopack from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal about the 14th Jan., and may be con-

Latest Advices.

lulu, Yakohama, luland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 25th e D. D. R. str. Herther, Inch. Hambury. left Singapore for this person the last Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 7th Feb.

The s. s. Langbank, from London and Antwerp, left Singapore for Hongkong on Thursday morning, the 3rd Feb. and is due here on or about the 10th the R. C. s. s. Obi, from Hamburg left .

FIVE recruits for the Hongkong Police Force arrived yesterday by the Glennron, The men were recruited from the Aberdeen Police Force.

Last night, in spite of the wretched

weather, a fairly large andience greated

Colony, and so continues his depredations. Vice Admiral Sir E. H. Segment, R. O.R. If anything is to be done in the matter, it who succeeds Admiral Builer in the con-GRIFFITHS, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., is desirable it should be done during the mand of the China Station, is a passenger present season of the year, rather than in by the P. and O. steamer Coromondes. the summer, when, should a strike come, which is due here on Saturday next.

European in combatting with the Chinese. To-Monnow afternoon, on the Happy Baoteriological and Agricultural Export. This is a matter in which all residents, with. Valley, the Hongkong F. C. will play out distinction, ought to co-operate, so as to H.M.S. Powerful. Kick off at 5 p.m., The bring it to a successful issue. It is not a Club team will be :- goel P. G. Davisa. question of making irasome or onerous R.A.; backs, W. D. Mayson and C. T. laws for the Chinese, but rather to protect Kew; half-backs, H. W. Looker (capt.) the Colonists from Insolent and dishonest H. Pinckney and F. H. Kew; forwards, servants. The design of such a law would J. D. Danby, J. F. Noble, A. S. Anton, in no way interfere with the Chinese as a H. S. Moberley, H. E.R., and A. E. M.

> land has been transformed from a state Carr. Newcomb, of the absance Chell of riot and ruin to a condition of content. which arrived here yesterilly from Most. ment were not regarded as a hardship by reports that on the 27th and 28th January. the peace-abiding inhabitants, but by a set he paperienced a strong north-mestale of agitators and originals. The laws for gale and a very high sea and was obligad the peace of a country are simply operous to run to Tomas Bluebo Harbour (south to the people who disober the ordinary sub of Outo Lagard) for calcing. Here he rules of public morelity | it is only the found 12.06.8. Planter at suchon the criminal that will find the law likewise and was to her was from Marsall to foldies distgraceble. The register loss of servatic Same of Chemistry and had also to recibe

18; Canton, 21; Prinz Heinrich, Merionethshire, Pyrrhus, Bellone, 25; Sikh, Shanghai on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 8

he C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. Empress of Japan left Vancouver on Monday afternoon,

The N. G. I. a. s. Letimbro left Bombay for this port on the 30th Jan., and is due here on or about the 10th Feb.

sidered due at Singapore on or about the 3rd Feb.

P. M. s. s. Peru, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Hono-

The N. Y. K. s. c. Benge Maria lefe Singapore for this port on Thursday. the 3rd Feb., and is expected to arrive here on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th

Singapore on Thursday, the 3rd Feb. for this port, and may be considered due here on or about the 10th Feb.

the New York Novelty Company at the City Hall. The performance will be repeated

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would not involve any great inconvenience | stelege

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As THERE is a rumour that plague is prestores, ammunition and food. valent in the Colony, it is well to allay public apprehension by stating that occasional cases may be looked for at certain seasons of the year almost as a matter of course. Only one or two cases have occurred during the past month, and it is reas--suring to know that the authorities respona sible for the public health are already on the qui vive

THE Band of The King's Own Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers Mess, Murray Barracks, on Friday evening, the 4th of February, commencing at 8 p.m. 1.--Overture........ "Guillaumo Tell"...Rossini.

2.—Selection M. rit ma' Chautilly 6.—Helection....... 'Le Mescette' Audran.
6.—Valse Biorenka Fiorence Fare.
God sive the Queen.

THE Secretary of the Punjom Mining Company, Limited, advises us that he has received the following Telegram from the Mines giving the result of the January clean-up :- 'The mill ran 28 days crushing 2,400 tons of Headings yielding 300 ozs of smelted gold. Thirty tons of Concentrates were ground in the Berdan pans yielding 36 ozs of gold. The Cyanido plant ran 26 days, treating 720 tons of Tailings yielding 264 ozs of Bullion of an avorage assay value of 15/6 per ounce.

WE are able to state on undoubted authority (says a Home paper) that there is no truth in the assertion that 'Her Majesty has telegraphed to the Emperor of China, expressing her sympathy concerning the seizure of Kiao-chow harbour by foreign filibusters, and her hope that China will succeed in disposing of them without external aid.' The point of this joke may be overlooked by obtuse Scotsmen-and others.

In a long leading article, the Singapore Free Press discusses the strengthening of the British fleet on the China Station, and was preliminary to the transfer of the Bar. or silver. fleur and one of the Edgar class of cruisors to Hongkong. With the other European ficets being strengthened it is highly probable that the British Admiralty will respond with substantial additions to fleet. These additions, however, suggest doubts as to the adequacy of the present Naval Yard staff to fulfil the increased responsibilities of the Station, and it is not unlikely this question will yet be raised in Parliament if the Admiralty, in the meantime, does not make a corresponding increase in the staff and proceed at once with the extension of the Naval Yard.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS :-- At Kouloon-Moove Tordenskjold, Kwanglee, Hainan, Karoshima Maru, Zafiro, Powan, Triumph, Empress of Indik, Ask, H.M.S. Linnet. Aberriese -(None)

Cornepolitan .- Wast Kork, Devawongse.

A GERMAN military critic has been adding ny the grand total of the Continental armies, and after noting that we can form only a vacue idea of what is meant by tens of millions, he tries to bring home to his renders in another way the colused growth of modern armsment. If, he says, we could have all the armies of the Continent on a war footing and drawn up in one long procession, with their guns and ammunition and baggage waggons, the column would be marching day and night, it would take nearly a year to pass a given point.

print within the past twenty-four hours about the alleged demands of the Russians upon the British men-of-war to leave Port who write this sort of tommy-rot are aware that the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and in other Chinese waters has not got coal wostock, while every ship in the British and Japanese squadrons is fully coaled and from Peking ridicule the idea of any such warships at Port Arthur, which would be tantamount to a declaration of war. An Admiral without coal for his ships does not whose French and German allies are in the name ridiculous plights-China Gazette.

was on Dec. 20th presented with a binoculer glass on behalf of the Italian government, in recognition of his services to the Genoa. The Chairman (Mr Nathaniel Dunin), in making the presentation, said the past was one of the most singular that had the guns of Gibraltar, the Fiducia had been attacked by what wore called 'liver pirates. who after stripping the reset of running goor, fittings, flegs, stores, in fact, gverything that would enable her to pro-coed on her voyage of to make any signals, and taking the captain and some of the officers and sations truspest, left her. The only weapon on board the Public when the was attacked was a revolver. She was bound from an American port to Marsailles, and Captain Davigs services ponetated in entitive sales and see out our southful

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ON THE CHI-NESE FRONTIER.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.) SHANGHAI, Feb. 3; 5,23 p.m. The China Gazette's special correspondent at Newchwang wires that 5700 Russian

troops have arrived at Kirin. The force comprises artillery, cavalry, and infantry, and has vast supplies of

The Chinese Government has telegraphed to the Editor of the Gazette derrying the truth of the Newchwang report; but the news is confirmed from other sources.

THE BRIBERY SCANDAL. CONFESSION BY EX-INSPECTOR

WITCHELL. The following communication is addressed to us from the Colonial Secretary's Office : -Ex-Polico Inspector Job Witchell, who was convicted of bribery and sentenced to six months' imprisonment by the Supreme miraculous recovery in the cave of the Court in August last, has confessed his astrologer and necromancer Ker-Maciou, guilt and acknowledged the justice of the sentence passed upon him, and has further | in the book, and must be read to be appreexpressed regret for his remarks upon the conclusion of the trial imputing unworthy motives to the Captain Superintendent of low-eyed magician, is weirdly conceived Police, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution. The above has been embodied in a letter to the Registrar of the

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL! LONDON, 1st February, 1898.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR. The Italian Foreign Minister declared in the Chamber that Italy had no relations with Captain Dreyfus.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA. The Russian press is resuming its attacks upon Great Britain.

THE REPORTED ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

Reuter's Agency learns that the stories of an Anglo-Japanese agreement for active We perform the Johnsonian operation by co-operation in the East (Far East), are recalling the new historical tolegram to Pre- baseless, and that no agreement exists sident Krueger from William of ye mailed | beyond what arises from a common desire | to secure free commerce in China.

UNITED STATES FINANCE. The Washington House of Representatives has rejected, by 182 to 132, the resolution suggests that the despatch of the Hannibal passed by the Senate providing that all and the Illustrious to the Mediterranean U.S. Bonds shall be payable in either gold

> CRIMINAL NEWS. Lord Neville has been committed for trial for forgery and fraud. Bail was refused.

SPORT AT THE STRAITS. (Special Telegram to the Singapore Free Press)

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 25. The Singapore crew (Messrs Scoular, Rodesse, Palmer and E. Maxwell; Mr C Wiggins, Cox.) won easily by two and a

BOWING.

30: Brownlie 42. Selangor made 78. Hubback 39 not out, when rain stopped play at half-past four yesterday. (? Reid) took four wickets for five runs; (? Davis) three | but not for love, and the daughter of this

were not telegraphed against the analysis. the love of the younger ones leads to tragi-

-ED., S.F.P. WEATHER REPORT. The following notice is issued from the

Observatory :-On the 3rd at 11.35 a. The barometer has fallen considerably on the E. coast of China, risen in Japan. Pressure is high in Japan, low over Central and Southern China, Gradients slight in the South moderate in the North. Forecast:—light to moderate N, and N.E. winds; dull,

IMPROVEMENTS AT MACAO. A correspondent, writing from Macao, informs us that H. E. the Governor, Senrather more than 24,000 miles long, and, her Galhardo, has appointed a Committeeto carry out the arrangements for the celebration, on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th A GREAT deal of nonsense has appeared in May next, of the fourth centenary of the discovery of India by the celebrated and renowned Portuguese Vasco de Gama.' Arthur, We wonder if the sapient people The programme for the festivities is an elaborate one. The Committee consists of -H. E. the Governor (President), His anough, amongst it to steam back to Vladi- Honour the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Colonial Secretary, the Coboth squadrone have supplies of coat in re- lonial Surgeon, Director of Public Works, serve close at hand. Telegraphic advices | Harbour Meater, Lieut. Col. P. L. de tioned having been given to any British F. P. Gensalves, Rev. M. E. Borges, does not do credit to the book the writer with his back to the fire, 'so that,' con-Ferreira, C. George, E. Marques, P. N. declare war, least of all a Russian admiral da Silva, Dr. Lourenço Marques, and Messre Lu Cao and Ho Lin Vong.

It is suggested, among other things that a must lead, to the purchase and perusal of CAPT John A. Davies, of the s.s. Onnja, new public road should be constructed and the volumes from which they are taken, named after Vasco de Gama, and that a ground for satisfaction. Vasco de Gama Library should be establishcrew of the Italian schooner Fiducia, of ed. Two monuments, one representing the late Governor Joso Ferreira de Amaral Locar Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, and the other the late Colonel Vicente Robinson Piano Company. ever some under his notice. Almost under Nicolau Mesquita, will also be erected in rome conspicuous piece, out of respect and Ar the Blackburn, Chamber of Commerce gratitude to the memory of these two the other week the action of Russia and Gerherces of the Passeleso renown. The rejoicings on each day will conclude with llluminations along the whole length of the Prays Grande and in all the important alrests and on all the public offices. It is also in contemplation to give a public dinnor to the poor. The feetivities are oxpect. eg to susbest sub other buble garden in

REVIEWS.

THE SINGRE OF MARLY. By Ida Hooper. Methuen's Colonial Library: London, Methuen & Co., 36 Essex St.; Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh, Limited. The historical novel and novels with ar historical background are now in full vogue. 'The Singer of Marly ' is a good sample of the latter class. It dates back to 1697, and gives a very fair account of the condition of Ireland after the battle of Aghrim and the stringent penal laws of 1695, as well as of the impoverished, artificial, and highly discontented state of general society in France, under the later gloomy years of Louis XIV. The various characters are brought forward with rather bewildering rapidity at the outset; but, once the tale is well under way, character and incident alike move on with all the even smoothness of wellordered sequence. Cosmo Lux, the illegitimate son of Lord Garryloe-angrily but unjustly stigmatised by Master Quillan Custance as a bastard tavern-singer-when, under a harsh sentence which means death, is induced to counterfeit Yvon do l'Herault, and marry Bridget Fitzpatricke. He does so, and fulfilling one of the conditions of this singular contract, purposely picks a quarrel with Captain d'Antin, a known swordsman and ruffler. In the duel which necessarily ensues, he allows himself to receive a thrust which, it is presumed, must prove fatal. His half-

unknown to all his friends, who think him dead, is one of the most gruesome things ciated. The gaunt, inarticulate monster with the face of one long drowned, who is under the spell and at the beck of the yeland cleverly drawn. The description of the short period of Lux's happy married life with Bridget, begun in early Spring amid falling apple-blossoms at the Breton Supreme Court for communication to the munting-lodge of the Marquis de la Baussière, the arch-villain of the book, is a charmingly delightful idyllic piece of caroful word-painting; the scene in which Bridget discovers her approaching maternity to Lax, the very night before his selfimmolation on the point of d'Antin's rapier, is particularly effective. Lux's return to life necessitates disguise. He wears a mask, and dreased as a troubadour, guitar in hand, frequents the brilliant but licentions courtier-throngs at Sceaux, Versailles, Moudon, Marly and the other pleasure-places of Louis XIV. His disguise is respected; and thus, as 'the Singer of Marly,' he is able to secretly watch his young wife's triumphant progress at the gay court of the French monarch. His well-merited thrashing of the unscrupulous and hear less profligate Duc de Col-Martigny brings about his recognition. The plot, however, is much too good and far too complicated to be unravelled in the brief limits of a review. The after part of the book is crammed with splendid situations, all worked out in a thoroughly artistic manner. Life on board a noisome gilley ship in the Mediterranean, and on a pest-stricken, shark-followed slaver in the Atlantic, as well as a sale in the slave mart of a West Indian island, are a fewlof the highly dramatic incidents of the closing chapters. The book is extremely well written, and will amply repay perusal. The four illustrations by W. Cubitt Cooke

A DAUGHTER OF STRIFE. By Jane Helen Findlater, London: Methuen and Co-, 1897. Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh. Mr James Payn in the Christmas number of the Strand Magazine points out humorously the weakness lady novelists have for commencing the story when their heroine clothes stage, but Miss Findlater has gone back even to the girlhood of her hero's mother and the youth of her heroine's father to sow the seeds of strife that blossom out into a fruitful crop of woes for the characters of her slender drama. The leaves him their son when she discovers how she has been deceived. Shepley too late learns the truth, and marries another union grows up to be won by the son of By an omission the names of the bowlers the other. The hatred of their parents and cal denouements that must be left for the

quire of any modern novelist?

are wholly in the spirit of the text.

GOOD READING ABOUT MANY BOOKS. Selected by their Authors. London : T. Fisher Unwin, Gresham Press. 1897. charming little annual in which Mr Unwin has gathered together specimen chapters from each of some forty or lifty books published by his firm in the course of the past year. The latest_works of such authors and authoresses as John Oliver Hobbes, Alice Zimmern, Louis Becke, Sir Samue Fergusson, Rev. Newman Smyth and Louis Sargeant are sure to be attractive, and in the pages of 'Good Reading' The reader may taste and judge by selected sample and decide how to invest his money in their works. Mr Unwin has done well to entrust to the writers themselves the work of selection. It is natural to readers. and-even more to authors, to distrust the hasty manner in which newspaper critics are compelled by the exigency to time, and the scantness of leisure, to appraise their labours and award praise and blame a Souza, Captain J. de S. Canavarro, Rev. injustice cannot be feared for if the sample | smoking a Criterion cigarette as he stood will have himself to blame, and it cannot tinued he, there may be four hundred chief topic of conversation among the are an unworthy manner of study, but if Prove it! said Jones. they lead, as many of the slight sketches of humour and pathes in this little book

Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1,00.-

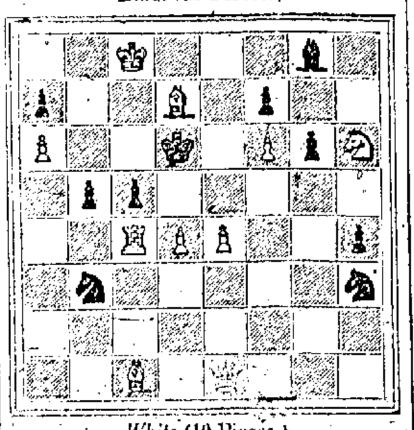
author, publisher and bookseller will have

many in China was discussed. Mr Hibbert said that considering the vast extent of our trade with China the Chambers of Comforward line of action on the part of the apot. Government. There were disquisting rumand a generally expressed opinion, that alone-alone, Gontlemen, with solomn inemediate action was necessary. The emphasia for the cigarette was nearly mambers generally expressed egreement dulabed the two kings slone, though with this view, and the matter is to be fully never chanding on adjacent aquares can

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> Problem No. 80. T' By A. GROENER.



White (10 Pieces.) White to play and mate in two moves.

5 lation to Problem No. 78 by P. G. L. F. 1. Q—Kt sq Then if 2. $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{B}$ 1. $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{Q}$ 2. Q x B 1. B elsewhere 1. P-R6 2. B-Kt 8 1. **K**t×R

Hongkong, Fob. 3. There scens a danger of the Kowloon among the best in the Club, and need have no fear that they will not be able to give a good account of themselves in a contest with an equal number from this side of the harbour. The secretary hopes to hear in the course of the ensuing week from any Kowloon player who is willing to take part in the match that a team of five or seven may be arranged, and antagonists of approximately equal strength be selected for

Here is the draw for the second round of the Knock-out match and the following players, if they have not already met, must play or scratch to morrow or Monday :-

O'Gorman v Thomson Batliwara v. Levi Woodcock v. Robinson Reid v. Barlow Sharp v. Piercy Smith v. Burrell Hendley v. Danenberg Moses a bye.

Play slowly. A good move should not be made too soon. When you see the possibility of a good move, look well for a better. Vaulting ambition o'erreaches itself, and saw haste is half-sister to delay. Win decisively. Do not from a mistaken view of chivalry refuse advantages when you already have the predominance, with the idea that you will thereby please your antagonist. You are more likely to irritate

Lose gracefully. Of course we all know that you always win by sheer play and never lost except by a mere oversight but there is no advantage in trumpeting abroad the foolish oversights of which you are occasionally capable. Go outside and kick yourself as severely as you like, but do be gracious enough to let your antagonist (who after all has won the game) think himself, for a while, the better player.

supposed to be merely recreative.

the plot is sufficiently novel and the style good enough to entertain any reader for a long afternoon, and what more do we re-

other games put together. of centuries pre-eminently the game of in a German sense, which, by the by, ap- to have done a good stroke of business in great men and of celebrated characters, pears to be considerably more literal than buying the steamer Raja at Singapore. An excellent idea has given birth to this clerical. We may add here that it is sense, which will have the effect of helping Padang on the west coast of Sumatra, in might always console themselves with the surrounded by a host of associations, that the poor and of saving men from the competition with the Royal Packet Naviga- reflection that every great literary revival it is suggestive of a picasant mass of bondage of hurtful superstitions. memories, anecdotes, manuers, and iticidents such as no other game, and hardly

any science, may presume to boast. its attractions; a literature properly ap- during that time he has accomplished a from Singapore and Penang, the main ex- known as the Welsh Regiment, in very peaceful life, and of social or sociable re- and Hospital, not to speak of other duties, | bought out at an enormous amount by the | past donors and many other valuable pieces. finement .- Staunton.

'The first player in Chess has twenty moves to choose from on his first move, and whichever of the twenty he takes, his be restored. opponent has the same number of replies, thought too perfunctorily. At all events said Browne of our Club the other day. be denied that the result affords the lazy games of Chess, only one move played on man good reading. Snippets and cuttings | each side, and yet each position different.

> 'Prove it!' replied Browne, with a voice full of scornful disdain. 'Yes, prove it.' cried Jones. Jones was rather a big man, with a wooden leg, which he took off and placed by his side erally won, for there was a great deal of

moral sussion about that leg. Browne said it was the only soft part about him. (Mr Jones, replied Brown loftily-he was always polite when lofty-after I have the less a strenuous and purposeful finished giving the Club the information that I have culled for their benefit, I will position being different."

'Prove it!' reiterated Jones, now getting his wooden leg into position should it be required for the purpose of moral

'And further, gentlemen,' said Browne 'seven Chessmen, say four white and three black may occupy 128,746,434,575,809-But the sentence was never finished. booming noise, caused by a wooden leg in mid-air, auggested to us a rapid retreat, and the last-we saw was Browne ducking his head as if to avoid moral sussion. Japan Mail.

Game No. 192.

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FRENCH	DEFENCE
White (Pollock.)	Black (Lce.)
1. P-K 4	PK 3
2. Kt-Q B 3	P-Q 4
l 3. Kt—B 3	Kt-K B 3
4. P-K 5 5. P-Q Kt 3	K Kt=Q 2
5. P—Q Kt 3	B-K 2
6. BKt 2	P-Q R 3
7. B-Q 3	P-QB4 Kt-QB3
	<u>K</u> t-QB3 →
9. Q-K 2	Kt-Kt 5
10. Q R—K sq	Castles
11. P-Q R 3	$Kt \times B$
12. Q×Kt	P-Q Kt 4 Kt-Kt 3
13. Kt-K 2	Kt—Kt 3
14. Kt – Kt 3	P-Q R 4
15, K—R sq	TQ 1(4
16. KtKt sq	P-R 5
17. P-KB4	P=Kt 3
18. Kt—R 3	PxP
19. P x P	P-B5 P×P
20, Q - K 3	
21. P—B 5!	K P×P K–B 3
22, Q-R 6 ~	B×R
23. B×P 24. Kt×B	PxKt
25, R-K 3	$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot (a)$
26. P-K 6	R_K Kt 5
27. Kt—Kt 5!	R×Kt
28. R-R 3	Resigns
20, 10-100	a mata that Plants and
- I Jak It is anymates f	へ いんとん そりのそ ほしりのじ でびし

(a) It is curious to note that Black could City match failing to be held. Now, this have won by 25 K-R sq. The combishould not be. The Kowloon players are nation initiated by White's 21st move is, magnificent, and the Field justly calls White's 27th move a masterpiece.

> The following charming game is well worth examination, and is an excellent example of the late Captain Mackenzie's elegant style. I leave the brilliant finish

o pe queconeted p h wh	readers:—
Game No	
FRENCH D	efence.
White (Mackenzie).	Black (Mason).
1. P—K 4	P—K 3
2. P-Q 4	P-Q 4
3. Kt—Q B 3	KtK B 3
4. P × P	$\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$
5. Kt-B 3	B-Q 3
6. B -Q 3	Castles
7 Castles	Kt-B 3
8. B-K Kt 5	K - K 2
9. B × Kt	Px =
	K-Kt 2
11, Q—R 5	R—R aq
12. P—K B 4	P—Q B 3
13. RB 3	.Kt-Kt 3
14. Q R B sq	Q—B 2
	B-Q 2
16. Kt—Kt 3	Q R-K Kt sq
17. Q—R 6 ch!	K×Q
18.~Kt (R 4) B 5 ch	_
19. Kt × B ch	K-R 4
White mates in thre	
invited.	
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MISSIONARY WORK IN CENTRAL

CHINA. -(N.-C.-Daily-News' Correspondent.)

Chungking, Jan. 9. The Methodist Episcopal Mission which has for so many years been doing a good work in the hostile city of Kiangpeh has just received a promise from the Taotai that suitable premises for carrying on their for the purpose of bringing about the work will be speedily provided. Your desired readjustment of the finances. readers will recoilect that, about six weeks | The Churco Shimbun, which is said to be In chess there are, to narrow our notice | ago, Dr Woolsey was grossly assaulted by a | frequently inspired by Mr Sone, the is in the skipping-rope or even the long to its more salient properties, four charac- mob who stoned him out of the city. An Minister for Justice, announces that the teristics, which, when taken in their com- effort was then made by the missionaries to Government will shortly make some anbination, separate it from all other games, rent a tenement on one of the principal nouncement on the question of introducing According to a telegram received by and indeed from all other exercises that are streets with the view of carrying on their work foreign capital. Some people entertain the Measrs Samuel and Samuel of Yokchama. under better conditions. Ultimately they opinion that foreign capital will tend to the rice-cleaning companies in Rangoon, First, it is a game without chance, in its succeeded in finding a man-a Mahomedan keep down the rates of interest in Japan. Saigon, and some parts of Siam are said ordinary sense, as chanco is found in cards; -who was willing to rent his premises. But | This will prove disadvantageous to Japa. to be exceedingly busy owing to press of and a game of skill in a peculiar sense - alas for the hopes of the foreigners! No nese bankers, and Count Inouye, the Fin- orders from the East. They will not be beauty of Anne Champion leads Meadowes that is, of skill exclusively intellectual, and sooner did the people get to know of the ancial Minister, being the general adviser sable to supply any fresh orders until about Singapore made 116 runs. Lieut. Wood to rob his friend Shepley of his bride, who not such as allows a sound calculation to transaction than they either themselves pul- of the Mitsui family, any measures for the the end of April. -Japan Zings. be everthrown by any material or physical led the shop down, or compelled the propriet introduction of foreign capital will be given. circumstance, by the eye, for example, or tor, who has not since been seen, to do so In the fullest consideration by the Count the hand, or the table. We might add that any case the premises have been destroyed before adopting them. He is not likely, the degree of intellectual skill which it ad- -proof that the anti-foreign spirit is very | says the Asahi, to follow the example set mits is so high that Leibnitz declared it much alive among the natives of Kiangpeh. by the Matsugata Cabinet, of consulting was far less a game than a science. - a Dr McCartney, senior physician of the Messrs Samuel Samuel and Co, and selling Secondly, it a game-since that is the Mission interested, has, of course, made them bonds.-- Robe Chronitle. received term-a game affording to the his complaint to the mandarine, with the reader to discover. Suffice it to say that player so much proper or intrinsic interest, result that the Taotal has taken the matter that it is if not the only game, at least the in hand, and has given a promise to see the Local Composers, 6. Pieces, by Orange, best and most satisfactory one to play with- missionaries properly housed in the city ere | Word, &c. Zmas 1897. Price, \$1.00.out pecuniary stakes, and has actually been very long. It will be very interesting to Robinson Plane Company, so played to a far greater extent than all | watch the way in which the incident will work itself out. In any case it is high Thirdly, it has been for a long succession | time that Kiangpeh was 'occupied,'-not | A Chinese syndicate at Singapore is said both civil and military, both secular and lawful, but in another and more Christian It runs this steamer between that port and

> existence and receives all its force and all Chungking more than ten months. But quantities of salt and rice were consigned the first battalion of this regiment, now pertaining to it and arising as its own actual splendid piece of professional work in con- port from West Sumatra being jungle pleasant fashion. A piece of plate. creation; a contribution which no nection with the London Mission, as many produce. Some people fancy that the intended to represent the silver destroyed philosophical critic can ignore to the as 6,000 out-patients having been attended syndicate has a hidden object in view, in the disastrous fire at Cardiff, in which humanities, civilities, and amenities of to since he took charge of the Dispensary and calculates upon being eventually the officers lost nearly all their gifts from all of which he has faithfully and in an Royal Packet Navigation Company. able manner discharged. He has the sincers sympathy of everyone in the community, and we all trust he may soon

THE GERMAN INCIDENT AT KIAOCROU has not in any general way taken hold of the imagination of the Chungking people. It did for a little time form the writer has not lately heard the matter referred to by any one. Perhaps the next issue of the Chungking Gazette will do something to stir the patriotic feelings of the patives-that is, if patriotic feelings exist among them. The last number of this local magazine was especially noteworthy owing when playing a game of Chess. He gen- to the presence in its pages of an article written by a young chillen upon the New Testament. It is altogether a very crude and ill-digested analysis of some of the verities of the Christian faith, but is none

ATTACK UPON CHRISTIANITY. condescend to argue with you. When four there appears to be no venom in the article attention. It would appear that the moves have been played, 'No went on, such as is to be found in Chou Han's Formesan administration has from the there may be 318,979,514,000 games, each | publications. And perhaps the article | beginning, been a misguided affair con-Prove it is shouted the irasolble Jones, ground for encouragement to missioneries. Whether this was really so or not does merce quebt to press for a definite and who looked as if he wished it done on the It proves at least that some men do read not matter much now I but the policy 'Gentlemen,' continued Browne, not erroneously, about their contents. It a most miserable failure. For what we ours in commercial circles in Lancashire, noticing the interruption, the two kings further proves the need that exists on every | see to-day is nothing but a huge mass of

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP FOR PEBRUARY. A fair number of competitors entered for the above cup, and we are glad to note the scratch men were in the van on this occasion. The following are the returns :-

CAPTAIN'S GUP. Capt. Urmston, R.M.L.I. 84 Mr C. W. May Mr E. A. Ram... ... 98 Mr G. T. Veitch 109 22 entries.

Mr G. Stowart... ... 87 Capt. Urmston... 84 Dr Bishop, R.N. ... 103 Mr C. W. May... ... 93 Mr E. L. Hunter ... 107 18 Mr W. Saunders 106 , 11 * 95 18 ontries.

* Divide the stakes.

THE JAPANESE MINISTRY AND

FOREIGN CAPITAL. The vernacular papers are paying much as regards the introduction of foreign racing. capital. Diverse opinions are attributed to Marquis Ito and Count Inouye on the subject. It is recalled that Marquis Ito, top of Victoria Peak. There is a cable speaking at a meeting of the Ryomon-kai tram to it with a gradient of 30 in (Mr Shibasawa's society) held in October 100, and though it was frightfully hot, last, said the introduction of foreign capital we had to have a fire once-a weekwas the only course open, though foreign in our rooms to prevent our clothes capital could not be easily introduced be- getting mildewed. The hotel has dryfore the new Treaties had come into operation except by selling Government bonds. thing except what is required for immediate Recently Marquis Ito met Mr Mizuno, the | use, and you cannot use soft pillows there. ex. Director of the Formesan Administrative Bureau, and recommended that the Formesan Railway Company should be wound up rate.' and re-organized by means of a foreign loan floated at some future time. Subsequently, in a conversation with a friend, the Marquis is reported to have said that to allow foreigners to hold shares in business companies of Japan was necessary as a means for introducing-foreign capital. It was equally necessary that foreigners should be onabled to hole Government bonds by the amendment existing laws. From these remarks Marquis Ito appears to be in favour of the introduction of foreign capital, but is confident that foreign capital cannot be introduced immediately. It is stated that last year Count Incuye informed M. Albert Kahn, a French capitalist who came to this country for the purpose of finding suitable investments for money, that the time had. not yet arrived for investing foreign capital

Count Inouve has accepted the Financial portfolio at the present time of sinancial difficulty, and if his views are unchanged the Count is of opinion that foreign capital cannot be easily introduced. On what security, he asked, was Japan to borrow foreign capital? There are, for example, laws which prohibit foreigners from holding shares in railway and mining companies, and it would be useless to offer these as security. It would be entirely impossible to introduce foreign capital on the security of private property before the laws have been amended, the new Treaties put into operation, and things generally have advanced to such an extent as to entiary foreigners.

The Osaka Asahi concludes from these remarks by the two Ministers, that the Government will not take measures to introduce foreign capital immediately. On the other hand it points out that Count Inouve is reported to have accepted the Financial portfolio with satisfaction because he had entered into an agreement with an American syndicate to introduce into the country 150 million yen through the medium of Mr Edwin Dun, the ex-U.S. Minister to Tokyo,

tion Company. The aim is not so much to had been preceded by a period in which no - DR WOLFENDALE AND HIS WORK. - Carry passengers as to carry cargo. It is In this connection I regret to have to alleged that the Syndicate has every reason greatest literary critics of the time. chronicle the serious indisposition of Dr R. to be satisfied with the results of the Fourthly, it has that which no other Wolfendale, of the London Mission, who steamer's first and second trips. This is game has, and which can avail itself of all is suffering from an attack of remittent ascribed to the low rates charged and The saving of the colours of the 41st at the the preceding circumstances, that, in truth, fever. Dr Wolfendale only arrived in to trade relations entered into by the Battle of Inkerman has just been comwhich from those characteristics derives its | China a year ago and has not yet been in | Syndicate with Chinese at Padang. Large | memorated by the Colonel and officers of

*The administrative mechanism errs on the

his report to the Japanese Government upon the state of things he has found and the opinions he has formed during his tour in upon the Russian lines, who were preparing Formosa. The appointment of this gentle- to fire. How they retired, fighting inch by man showed an intention to get at the inch against such tremendous odds, will truth of matters, and his outspokenness never be forgotton. One of the standardupon the wrongful policy of 'Japonicising' bearers. Lieutenant Stirling, was killed, people by force and by an unintelligent bureaucracy will do a of his fall, fatally wounded; but the colours lot of good. What is the opinion of many were saved by the splendid pluck with upon the mistakes made so far and the which the men defended them until help terrible muddle thereby brought about has arrived. In addition to this very spirited been again and again put forward. The group, which forms the top of the centrecomments upon Mr Kirkwood's report are place, there are figures giving the different once more making these points conspicuous. | uniforms worn since A.D. 1719, also panels There is an instance of this in the Japan | with various actions modelled in alto-relieve, Times; it says: In all that has transpired and much else of interest, not only to the during the last two or three years, nothing regiment, but to any student of military has been more humilisting to the good annals. name of the country than the maladministration in Formosa, especially as it could It is only just to add, however, that not have failed to widely attract foreign should, in spite of its crudity, supply | ceived in the moment of a bellione outburst the Hely Scriptures and think, however to conquer rather than govern has been hand for circulating the New Testament corruption, collusion, and blunder, And among the millions of China with come what we want, now that the new Cabinet more complete and adequate aid to correct is in mower, is that it should take imthe existence of les accidents than size has incolute states to pains spoors patter state.

THE BOOKIE ABROAD.

JOE LEE'S TOUR IN THE EAST. This is the title of an interview in a Johannesburg newspaper with Joe Lee, the well-known bookie, who paid a visit to the Far East last summer. We give the following extract from the interview: ----

'Any racing experiences in China?' 'The Celestials' ways are somewhat strange. For instance, at Singapore they race with "Walers," and they have no bookmakers-don't allow 'em-but they have totalisators, though only members of the club can speculate at them. The racecourse at Singapore is a magnificent ground. I had a letter of introduction to the secretary of the club, and he was real kind. They have two meetings a year. The racing is fairly good, and so is the attendance of the public; but not up to Johannesburg form. Though only 100 miles from the equator, the climate is comparatively very mild. "And at Hong Kong?"

'They held a Gymkhana meeting while was there, at which I attended professionally. Betting was very small. No charge is made for entrance to the course, attention to the views of the new Ministers and the fun was varied by pony and cycle

'How about the climate?' 'That's interesting. We stayed at the

ing rooms in which visitors store every-'Kind of perpetual Torkish bath, ch.? Well, yes, will last me a lifetime at any

JAPANESE ARMAMENTS

MINISTER. Viscount General Katsura, the Minister for War, has been reported by some of the vernacular papers to advocate the contraction of the armament extension scheme, and it was further said that he and Count Inouye, the Minister of Finance, had come to an agreement upon that point. Now, however, according to the Usaka Mainichi. the Minister is reported to deny having over advocated the contraction of the scheme, and he also declares that the question has not been discussed by the Cabinot, He stated that in framing the armament extension scheme in 1895 a general rise in prices was not anticipated, and it was feared that the rise of prices which had taken place might result in the contraction of the scheme in some respects, for it told seriously on the cost of constructing barracks, the cost of clothing. &c. So far from favouring contraction, General Katsura expresses himself as being prepared to do his best to remove all the obstacles in the way of carrying out the scheme. In his opinion, even if the Government desired contraction, the position of the country's affairs would never allow of it, for the tendency of events would not permit Japan to abandon the scheme of extending her army and navy. The Minister for War says he is firmly resolved to carry out the proposed scheme within the time limits and the expenditure already fixed. He described himself as having been a warm advocate of the extension of armaments from the first, and he still remained so. It is too late, he says. to talk of postponing the work now that it has been two years in progress aircady. Nor was the proposal to reduce the army by two or three divisions a feasible one. as it would strike at the foundations of the whole scheme. If necessary, in order to complete the scheme within the time already fixed, he might demand a supplementary vote.—Kube Chronicle.

Ma Baltour, proposing the toast of Literature at the annual dinner of the Walter Scott Club in Edinburgh, said there was at time when the world did without novels, and, in its own way, did very well; but novals, like tobacco and the daily press, had now become a necessity. We had novels dealing with almost all manner of subjects; but there was one aspect of human nature, perhaps the most interest-ing of all, which for obvious reasons had been sparingly treated by the no elist-thedevelopment of character extending throughout the life of the individual. Whatever might be the future of the novel, they? ravival could have been anticipated by the

never to be replaced, has been designed. embodying the several members of this heroic colour party. It is a matter of history that early in the morning of that side of multiplexity,' says Mr Kirkwood in memorable day, in dense fog, a handful of men became detached from the main body. and, to their horror, found themselves right l and he is here represented in the moment

> Quotations. Honekone, Feb. 3, 1898. OPIUM-New Patna, cash, ... 7171/120 New Behares, cash, 710/712. Old ... cash, r. 725 New Malwa, crodit, 780/80 Allowance Tadis, n. 18 to nik Last Vest National Town Old Malwa credition Process A DEPART, TOMES, LITTUTE OF THE PARTY OF THE

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FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, AND

STRAITS. THE Steamship Glenaron having arrived I from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hondrond and KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.,

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, Febru ry 2, 1898.

will not be recognised.

STEAMSHIP NATAL. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

NOTICE. ex S.S. Guadiana, and from Bordeaux ex 8.8. Ville de Cette, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informod that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, required. LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Con-

signess before Noon, To-DAY (TUESDAY), requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Mon-DAY, the 14th February, will be subject to

rent and landing charges. All Claims must be sent in to me on or nefore Monday, the 14th February, or they will not be recognized. All Damaged Packages will be examined on Monday, the 7th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Hongkong, February 1, 1898. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER HYDASPES.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS,

MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above. named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed. Goods not cleared by the 5th February, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever, All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the dam-

age obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised. H. A. RITCHIE.

Superintendent. Hongkong, Janua y 31, 1898. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER BURNEO.

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MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above that their Goods are being landed and ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of March, that their Goods are being landed and O 1898, at 9 s.m., the Company's S.S. placed of their risk in the Hongrong and SACHSBN, Caltain H. SUPMER, with Kowloon Whare and Godown Company's MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIA, and s. s. Crefeld, on or about the 15th March, Godowns at Kowloon, where each consign. CARGO, will leave this port as above, ment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and | calling at Naries and Genoa. dolivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. This Vessel brings on Cargo :---

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HAVI E, BORDEAUX;

AN SATURDAY, the 12th February, at Noon, the Company's Steamship YARRA Captain LE COISPEILIER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MAR- FRANCISCO, vid SHANGHAI, NAGA-SELLLES via Ports of Call, without Tran- SAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKO-

the 11th February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and value of Packages are re-For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office. G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

Hongkong, February 2, 1898.



STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,

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H. A. RITOHIE, Superintendent. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, January 27, 18 8

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STRAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID. NAPLES, GENOA,

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Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, Cargo and Specie will be received on

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PAPA'S POLITICS. Papa is a politician. Mamma does-not are for politics, because she says they take Papa away from home so often, but I do not think this is her only reason. I think she also rather grudges what she calls the waste of income. This is the name she gives to Papa's parliamentary expenses. Mamma also objects to some of the people she has to know—for papa, is a Liberal. I sometimes gather from what he says that he does not care for all the members of his party in fact, I think he even dislikes most of them. I am not quite sure, but I suppose that this is what is commonly known as the party feeling.

Papa knows a great deal about land. He is on the Royal Marketshire Land Commisaion and speaks quite elequently about the uppression of tenants. Mamma wanted him to buy an estate in Hampshire some time ago, but he said, 'No thank you, my dear; I know too much about what landlords have to put up with.' This seemed to be rather strange as I had just read his eloquent speech on the injustice to which small tenants are subjected. But I said nothing. I have a bruther who is a curate and an uncle an archdeacon, so I know that people cannot always live up to quite all they say.

Last autumn we took a house in Market shire (Papa is Member for Marketshire). The Land Commission was being held at the time, and the Commissioners included Papa, three other Members of Parliament, and two influential farmers. The Commission lasted five days, and the Members of Parliament and the two farmers stayed at the village hotel. One Member had invited his sister to stay with him, and as she have made a big mistake, I am afraid. was a friend of mine I went round to the

in the morning: rather largely, sir, but I'll do my best.'

I happened to be at the White Hart Hotel the day after the Commissioners had there while she looked for a house. As I passed the downstairs parlour door heard the landlord say to somebody; They never even had a bottle wine the whole time they were here. Call them Royal Commissioners, he added indignantly, 'I call them three thick teas.' I suppose this was an allusion to the hotel bread and butter. The Member's sister told me that she had heard one of the farmers complaining angrily about his bill and saying to the disgusted landlord, 'Why, you've bin and charged me a shilling a day for a bath when I've never had one at all!

It was while we were in Marketshire that Papa made his great speech of the year. He addressed several meetings during the week before, all of which Mamma and I attended. I must say I never saw any one look so raptly attentive as Mamma while Papa was speaking. After one of the meetings the local

procer's wife came up to me while I was standing alone for a moment, and said, Oh, Miss Anstruthers, what a charming and sympathetic interest your dear Mamma takes in all your Papa says! I am sure her necessity of partition at all? We suggest heart is in the cause.' I did not quite know what the cause

sure it is, and I shook her warmly by the of Russia. When the Sick Man in Eastern hand. As we drove home I had the Europe was menaced by the same Power, curiosity to ask Mamma what she had been thinking about. To tell the truth, I myself had noticed dangerous ambitions. They were right in

and it was rather a surprise to me. vaguely. When, dear?' Then she brightened up. 'Oh, you mean at that stupid old meeting. I was wondering Far East! Russia is now pressing us at whether the twins were not getting too old every point. A conflict is inevitable. Can to be dressed alike now. What do you we hope to find a stronger or better ground think, Mona? And she began an enger on which to meet her than to oppose discussion on the subject. I hurriedly resolutely the dismemberment of Chiua. offered my opinion.

Mamma and I used to call upon Papa's constituents. I noticed that whether we were calling on Mrs Brown, the grocer's wife; Mrs Trip, the stationer; or Mrs Banks, the chemist's wife, Mamma always maid she had just been calling on Lady Bertram at the Hall. I was astonished at Institute so that Deaf Persons who have this slight inaccuracy in one so truthful, not the means to procure the Ear Drums and I ventured to comment on it.

come straight to them from the most important person in the place; it makes them feel they are next on the list,' said Mainma; and I really could not help thinking that it was no wonder Papa was so successful. At last the day arrived for Papa's great speech.

The town was full of gigantic placards and I went about positively bristling with pride. It was very novel and pleasantly exciting to drive about the town in a hirod landau, and feel that at any moment one might be greeted either with hearty cheers or a few disused egg-shells, and Tom and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

In the evening we, of course, went to the Wi Town Hall to hear the speech. Papa cer- To tainly is a brilliant speaker. He is delight- Ko fully witty and exercastic, and his voice Na grows low and sympathetic and 'and fraught | Ka with emotion ' when he speaks of the poor. | Gu His speech made a great sensation. I She felt quite a lump in my throat, and Am even Tom whispered, 'There's no doubt Sw. about about it, the Governor's got the gift | Car of the gab, Mona ! Papa sat down amid 'thundering cheers,' and I could not help whispering to Mamma, | Ga

Doesn't he look a dear ! But there was one thing Papa said that was greeted with especially loud cheering, a few hisses (chiefly female, I think), and a M great deal of laughter, and that was some | U. disparaging remark he made about women in connection with female suffrage. He said something about women having more w heart than head, and added that voting To should be dictated from the head, and not Ke

the heart '-or some such platitude. As soon as the cheers had died away and Papa had sat down, the chairman made a | Gu movement as though to rise. Before he had time to stand up a lady stepped swiftly Am on to the platform, and, facing the crowd, said :--

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to say a few words." . She was evidently well known, as some | Ga rude body called out, 'Go it, Miss 'Opkins, giva it 'im 'ot!' She was a tall, gaunt person, and looked

excessively New. The chairman spreng forward and said in an agitated voice : Madam, madam, this is quite out of order. I must really beg you to ale down."

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back a little alarmed. I thought Miss Hopkins did not take the slightest notice of either of them, and did not even seem to feel it when the chairman gently pulled her dress to attract her attention. 'Ladies and gentlemen,' she again said,

I am a woman. Nobody took any notice of this [startling statement excepting the rude boy whe called out, 'Then why don't you let you hair grow.' She bravely ignored him and

. There is one thing, and one thing only that I wish to ask Mr Anstruthers, and that is, "Why when we women have the trouble of bringing the men into the world, should we not be allowed to vote for them?"

Papa rose immediately. Turning to her with a pleasant, but slightly sarcastic smile, he said, courteously 'Madam, the question has never before been put to me by a single | 27 lady ; your argument is unanswerable ----And Miss Hopkins left the platform .- Pall

THE PIPER AT DARGAL

LETTER FROM CORPORAL MILNE. The controversy as to the piper who distinguished himself at Dargai has at last been settled by the following letter from Rawal Pindi, dated December, 1st written by Lance-Corporal Piper Milne, to his brother at Insch, Aberdeenshire :-

'Dear Brother, I received your letter

all right and the newspaper cuttings, which are all wrong. The war correspondents was not shot in the ankles, but through White Hart Hotel to ses if her rooms look- | the chest, the bullet passing through my ed comfortable and to put a few flowers in | right-lung. However, I am out of the hosthem. The landlady confided in me that pital and getting on all right. The piper she was very pleased the Commissioners | that was supposed to be shot through both were coming, as business had been very bad | ankles was only shot through one, and it | MODER ATE PRIC S. lately, and she had heard that Members of | was him that played a little after he receiv-Parliament were generally hearty drinkers. ed his wound, but he could not have played She said she supposed so much talking much, as the half of his chanter was shot made their threats dry. 'Not but what away before he started playing. His name they might just as well save themselves the was Findlater. So the honour lies with trouble many a time, she added, 'If one him, not with me. However, I got a letter can judge by what one reads in the papers from my adjutant the other day informing me that the Queen had sent a telegram out The Commissioners soon arrived, and to Sir William Lockhart, the commander the members dined with usdevery night. of the expedition, asking for all the wound-Papa even had the farmers in twice, but ed, and she mentioned my name in

their manners were rather homely. One particular. But I am not sure whether this evening one of them was sitting on my is not a mistake arising from the same cause. right hand (Mamma was upstairs as she One thing I can tell you is that I got the said she had a headache) when the butler | greatest of praise from my officers and other handed him the Camembert cheese. The officers for having led the charge. They farmer looked at it and then took it all, say- say my commanding officer has recommending in a hearty and cheery voice to Papa, as | cd me for the distinguished service medal, he did so, 'I'm afraid you've helped me which I hope is true, as it will be the making of me.'

> Mr Holt S. Hallett has an article in the the January number of the Nineteenth Century entitled 'The Partition of China. In the course of a summary of the article. the Overland Mail says .-

Should the Empire full to pieces through the imbecility and stupidity of the Manchu Government, Mr Hallett contends that it should be our aim to come to an amicable arrangement with Russia, France and Japan, for the division of the spoil. With the basin of the Yangtse Kiang, Kuantung and Yunnan as our share, he says, the remainder of Southern China might be | taken by France, and Northern China might be left to Russia and Japan, But is it so certain that the Empire ripe for partition? Mr Hallett rominds his readers that when the French had conquered Tonkin at a cost of 30,000 men and a milliard of money they encountered in the Southern Chinese a tenacious and warlike people, who proved 'a hard nut to crack.' Why should Great Britain, and Japan and the United States admit the in a leader that we should take our stand on the integrity of China, the only was, but I said, pleasantly, 'Yes, I am hope of checking the aggressive designs this country formed an alliance with France and Italy to check its too obtrusive and the dreamy thoughtful look on her face, doing so, even though, as Lord Palmersten 'Thinking about?' said Mamma, rather advance of Russia for twenty years. 'The

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